



**~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~**

- SkyZone Kingston January 28
- Scout Sunday Feb 7 9:30am
- Committee Meeting Feb 10 @ 7:30pm
- High Adventure Meeting Feb 11 @ 7:00pm
- Camp Resolute in Bolton Feb 26-28
- Merit Badge University March 5, 12 & 26
- Gettysburg April 16-20
- Summer Camp July 3 - 9

**Happy Birthday (Some Belatedly):**

**December:**

- Jack D. 12/19
- Aidan F. 12/25

**January:**

- Brian W. 1/7
- Colin M. 1/19
- Deven K. 1/21

**February:**

- Matt F. 2/8
- Hayden P. 2/9
- Isaac C. 2/15
- Shayne G. 2/18
- Bobby B. 2/20
- Brendon P. 2/21
- John H. 2/22



**Merit Badge University:**

When: March 5, 12, and 26, 2016

Registration Deadline: January 28<sup>th</sup>

MBU is a great opportunity for Scouts to work on Advancement and earn Merit Badges taught by Adult Leaders with a wide range of life experiences and skills. Whether scouts want to focus on Eagle Required Merit Badges, or explore new interests, there is a wide variety of options to choose from. Don't miss out!

If anyone has any Merit Badge Books, please consider donating them to the Troop!

**CPR Certification Training**

Adult CPR course will be Thursday, February 4, 2016 6:30pm - 9:00pm at The Knights of Columbus. The cost is \$5.00

The Scout CPR course date has not yet been determined. The location for the scout CPR course MAY be at Fallon Ambulance in Quincy. Once the exact details are confirmed, Mrs. Kelley will send an email. This course is FREE for scouts. Please make sure you sign up on the interest sheets.....and Thank Mrs. Kelley for organizing this!

**Ski Trip 2016!**

**WHERE-** Shawnee Peak Mountain  
**WHEN-** MLK, Jr weekend Jan.15-18, 2016



The annual Ski Trip to Shawnee Peak was a great time for all! It was great to see some scouts get out there and learn to ski and snowboard, while the avid skiers and boarders were out refining their skills! A highlight of the weekend was Night Skiing on Sunday...for the diehards who were not ready to give it up after two long days of skiing and boarding!

Many Thanks to Kathy Kelley for organizing everything right down to every detail....Justin Cristafulli (Scoutmaster for the trip), and all of the Adult Leaders who made this trip possible!



**SCOUT Sunday: February 7, 2016**

**A Scout is Reverent...**

**“Reverence: Reverence to God and reverence for one’s neighbour and reverence for oneself as a servant of God, is the basis of every form of religion.”**

**Lord Baden-Powell**

All Scouts are encouraged to take some time on Scout Sunday to visit your place of worship, reflect upon this aspect of the Scout Law, and consider how you incorporate it into your daily life.

A Scout Sunday Mass has been scheduled for Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @9:30AM at St. Francis Xavier Parish 261 Pleasant Street South Weymouth.

If you are attending please arrive to the basement of the Church at 9:15AM to line up wearing your full Class A uniform.

Please sign in with Mrs. Kelley.

## Advancement

Congratulations to the following scouts who have been working diligently toward their goals.

### Tenderfoot:

Isaac C. 1/7/16  
Nick M. 1/7/16

### Second Class:

Robert B. 12/17/15  
Isak M. 12/17/15

### 1<sup>st</sup> Bronze Palm:

Kevin B. 1/21/16

### Instructor Certifications:

#### Grubmaster:

Colin A. 1/21/16

#### Medic:

Kevin B. 1/21/16  
Colin D. 1/21/16  
Alex P. 1/21/16

#### Outdoorsman:

Nick A. 1/21/16  
Evan B. 1/21/16

## Medical Forms

Medical Forms and Annual Physical Forms must be kept up to date for Troop 9 Records! Summer Camp....YES! Summer Camp..... is right around the corner. Please make sure that you submit updated Medical Forms and Physical Forms to Mrs. Jaklitsch.

## Summer Camp

Where: Camp Squanto, Plymouth

When : Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Preble, Summer Camp Scout Master, will be organizing Summer Camp SPL Elections soon.

### Costs for Summer Camp:

\$370 by May 15

\$390 after May 15

For a second brother attending Summer Camp, the cost is \$300

## Camp Nobscot: January 22-24<sup>th</sup>

The scouts did a great job on the recent Camp Nobscot camping trip. Everyone prepared well for the trip, hiked their gear the half mile to and from the cabin, and worked together to transport all of the troop gear. It was a terrific example of when how everyone works together, we can accomplish whatever we set out to do. Good job and hopefully we see the same teamwork for Camp Resolute at the end of February.

## High Adventure!

With trips in the past to Florida SeaBase and the Summit, it is time to ask where is Troop 9 going for its' next high adventure trip and who wants to be part of it? Now is the time to start planning for the summer of 2017 or winter of 2018 and therefore we will be holding a **High Adventure interest meeting at 7:00 on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus.** Any scouts who will be at least 13 years old and graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade by September of 2017 are invited to attend and discuss the options. Parents are welcome to attend as well.

BSA operates four national high adventure bases: NORTHERN TIER offers expeditions centered around canoeing, wilderness camping and fishing amidst the lakes of Minnesota. PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH offers weeklong backpacking treks or horseback cavalcades amongst the mountains of New Mexico. THE SUMMIT offers a variety of options like mountain biking, rock climbing, whitewater rafting and shooting sports in the wilderness of West Virginia. FLORIDA SEABASE offers sailing, snorkeling and kayaking in the Florida Keys or the Bahamas. Links to the four bases for more detailed information can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/HighAdventure.aspx>

## West Point Camporee Update!!

We have received word that Troop 9 is on the reserve list for the West Point camporee. Reserve units will be invited to attend based on space available after all of the initial invitees register. The registration process is ongoing now and ends sometime in February, so it will probably be early March before we hear anything further. The backpacking hike to the Camp Nobscot cabin was good preparation for West Point because if we do score an invitation, we will have to hike all our personal and troop gear in and out. Those attending Camp Resolute will be encouraged to hike their gear in to the cabin and Adirondacks.

## A Troop 9 Scout is.....

**Trustworthy**  
**Loyal**  
**Helpful**  
**Friendly**  
**Courteous**  
**Kind**  
**Obedient**  
**Cheerful**  
**Thrifty**  
**Brave**  
**Clean**  
**Reverent**



### Committee Corner

Would you, as a parent, leave your young scout at the door of an empty and abandoned building so he could go in? Of course. you wouldn't. But in several situations that directly involved me, it has brought to light the need that we must continuously address BSA youth protection policies.

In the first incident, at the Troop Committee meeting, I was in the conference room waiting by myself for the committee members to show up when a scout came into the room by himself. The scout was attending along with other scouts to observe the committee process. Here I was looking at a young scout all alone with me in the conference room. I immediately asked the scout to leave the room and go upstairs and try to have his parent come back into the building until I had another scout or adult with us. In this situation, both the scout and I were put into jeopardy and in violation of no one on one contact rule. Fortunately, just as this scout went up the stairs, another committee member showed up thus diffusing a very awkward position for both the scout and me.

In the second incident, at one our Troop meetings, a scout was dropped off in front of the K of C building. The parent drove off and left their son to walk into the hall by himself. This scout was in jeopardy since he did not know if anyone was even in the building. Again a young boy could have been put in harm's way. We are NOT the only people inside that hall. Also, if there was only one adult upstairs in this situation the Youth Protection policy would be violated.

So, again I ask, would you really leave your son at the doorstep of an abandoned building? Please, BEFORE you drop your son off please think about what or who just may be inside a building. Please do not assume that entry is safe.

**Yours in Scouting,**  
**Tim Barry**  
**Committee Chairman**

## Troop 9 Scouts in Action

We would like to acknowledge the many ways that Troop 9 Scouts live the Scout Law .....and ways that our scouts are working on personal goals beyond scouting to improve themselves and the community. Have you made Honor Roll? Landed a lead role in the school play? Aced a Robotics Competition? Broke a team record? Debate Club Champion? Started a band? We want to know! **If you would like to acknowledge a scout's accomplishments or submit a story about how a scout lives the Scout Law in an exemplary manner, please email Mrs. Pizzuto at [Ddowd-pizzuto@readscollab.org](mailto:Ddowd-pizzuto@readscollab.org)**



### Scoutmaster Minute

Think back to 1926 when cars, planes, television and movies were relatively new. Microwaves, personal tablets, cell phones and first-person player video games were unheard of. Now, picture yourself a Boy Scout back in 1926 and imagine what your scout program would have been like: camping only in places where you could hike to, cooking over an open fire, sleeping in bedrolls, green scout shirts and Smokey the Bear hats instead of baseball caps. No low temperature sleeping bags, no foam sleeping pads, no camp stoves, no portable electronics and no wicking or synthetic clothing to keep you dry or warm. Think you could have handled it?

Troop 9 was first chartered back in 1926 and the scouts back then made do without all of the high-tech gadgets that are part of Troop 9's current scouts' scouting experience. It is tough to imagine our lives without the things we have, but I think if we were part of the scout program back in 1926, we would have been able to handle it because our predecessors in Troop 9 did. Troop 9's history dates back 90 years and as we start on Troop 9's next 90 years, try to imagine how technology will impact future camping experiences. Chances are, it won't be another 90 years before Troop 9's members look at our camping experiences and say we were the ones who had it rough with all of our low-tech gear. Just something to think about as we commemorate 90 years of scouting in Troop 9.

**Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster**